

## SPALDING VOLCANO ENTHUSIAST

"Honolulu people, after all these years, do not half appreciate the wonderful trip to the volcano."

So declared President E. I. Spalding of the Chamber of Commerce this morning. He returned today on the steamer Mauna Kea from a vacation trip to the Big Island, and to say that he is enthusiastic is putting it mildly. Long residence in Hawaii has not diminished one whit his enthusiasm over the volcano.

"I can't understand why the volcano trip should be 'knocked,'" said President Spalding. "The Inter-Island service is now a really fine one. The new Kilauea and the Mauna Kea are steady as a floor. Honolulu people who knock the volcano don't know anything about it, and the volcano is an immense tourist asset."

"Our sea trip was fine, and part of the autoing to the volcano is all that can be desired. Over the lava flow the going is rough and difficult, but after we crossed the lava flow, the road to the volcano is perfect."

"Some very good new road-making is in progress, the work being done by prisoners, who prefer the outdoor life up there to confinement in the jail, and they are doing the work well."

"The volcano trip is an ideal one for the busy man tired from hard work down here. Honolulu fails to appreciate this. There is a brace to the atmosphere that is delightful. The air is invigorating, one exercises without tiring effort, and one's appetite is the best."

Mr. Spalding says that the lava fires in the volcano have sunk probably 230 feet.

"Professor Jagger, the scientist, made some measurements the night before last," said Mr. Spalding, "and he estimated that the lava had reached within sixty feet of the rim. Although it has sunk now, the activity is even more marked. The fire roar like the roar of the surf, and the fountains play ceaselessly and are marvelously beautiful."

## HOW HAWAII HELPED DR. BLUE

BY C. S. ALBERT.

(Special Bulletin Correspondence.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—The good people of Hawaii are given a large proportion of the credit for having secured the appointment of Dr. Blue as surgeon general of the Public Health and National Quarantine Service, succeeding the late Dr. Walter Wyman. It is frankly admitted on all sides that but for the sincere and honest endorsements coming from all the prominent men in Hawaii Dr. Blue might have lost the promotion.

Dr. Blue's most recent service was in Hawaii, where he was engaged in stamping out the yellow fever mosquito. He came here from Honolulu on a leave of absence to look after his

candidacy for the vacant surgeon generalship.

Beginning with Governor Frear, all the most prominent men in the Hawaiian Islands endorsed and wrote the President urging him to designate Dr. Blue for the vacancy. These communications were all bona fide and did not result from a general propaganda. They followed from individual interest and were easily recognizable as being honest and sincere tributes to the ability of Dr. Blue.

It is seldom that any community has given such spontaneous and unsought endorsement to any candidate for office. This fact was fully realized by President Taft and largely influenced him in making the final selection.

## POLITIVE? FIVE QUERIES TO FEDS

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no action may be taken against their wish. Affirmative replies will not, however, necessarily result in action at this time. Very truly yours,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CIVIC FEDERATION.

"By W. A. BRYAN, Secretary, QUESTIONNAIRE."

"1. Are you in favor of eliminating political parties from our municipal elections and voting on personal qualifications and local issues only?"

"2. Are you in favor of the commission form of government for Honolulu; that is, government by commissioners elected by the people, such as is in use in many American cities?"

"3. Are you in favor of the direct primary?"

"4. Do you think the executive committee of the federation should examine and publicly pass judgment on the public records and qualifications of candidates for office?"

"5. Do you think the executive committee of the federation should examine and make public the public records of candidates for office, passing no judgment upon their records or qualifications?"

These questions are based on the proposal of Senator C. H. Dickey some weeks ago that the federation should be polled as to its attitude on public affairs, particularly as this is election year. Mr. Dickey submitted a number of tentative questions to be used as a basis for discussion, and the five questions now propounded are the result.

The officers are careful to state that affirmative answers to the questions will not necessarily result in action now, and the poll of the membership, it seems, is to be taken primarily to learn the stand of the members individually.

## M'CROSSON SAYS THOUSAND ACRES

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the Territorial Land Commissioner and the Governor.

"The amendment, if adopted by Congress, would not only make about 10,000 acres of land on the island of Lanai available for homesteaders, but would open up many times that acreage now held in fee simple on other islands."

Would Change Law.

"As the law stands no corporation is permitted to own more than 1000 acres of land. A number of individuals own the island of Lanai, covering in all about 100,000 acres. Of this 30,000 or 40,000 acres can be cultivated and would produce pineapples, corn and, in general, all farm products. The transfer of ownership to a corporation would result in the placing of farms within the reach of homesteaders, through reasonable prices and favorable terms."

The purpose of the suggested

change is to fill up unoccupied lands with prosperous farmers and increase the production of all crops ordinarily raised on the farm."

The amendment as approved by Governor Frear has been received here. It will be shaped in due legal form and offered in the House by Delegate Kalamandole. After the initial step has been taken all the Hawaiians here will besiege the committee on Territories. They will obtain a hearing and urge prompt action on the recommended legislation. It is proposed to secure action with the least possible delay.

E. M. Watson attended the sessions of the Democratic National Committee, holding the proxy of the member from Hawaii.

## LEAVES WIFE AND BABY TO STARVE

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to her of 1904 and have lived here ever since.

The complaint alleges that on or about January 12, without any provocation, he struck her about the head, face and neck with his fists and badly bruised her. On the following day he was also guilty of extreme cruelty for the reason that without her consent he took away the four-year-old little daughter, Violet, and since that date has not returned the child, nor can she find out where she is.

On January 13 he also left the house without making any provision for her support and maintenance and left her destitute with her three-month-old baby. As a result of this she has had to beg money from the neighbors for sufficient food to keep them from starving. She is unable to nurse the child and has had to beg money also for condensed milk to feed it with.

There are four children to the marriage—Violet, aged four; Clarence, aged three; George, aged two, and the three-month-old baby.

She asks for reasonable expenses and also for alimony. Gouveia, she states, is earning about \$65 a month. Further, she also asks the custody of the little girl and the baby.

The fact that the house was stripped of furniture does not appear in the complaint, and Gouveia did not take this step until he knew that the proceedings had been instituted. He took every stick of furniture and for the four days last week the destitute woman with her little baby had one can of milk to do both of them and also had to live in the empty house. How they managed to pull through with only this amount of food is not known, but somehow they did.

Mrs. Ferreira, the Portuguese woman who was accidentally burned yesterday morning at her home on Luzon street, died last night at the Queen's Hospital at 5 o'clock.

When brought to the hospital yesterday and examined by the physicians it was not thought that she was dangerously burned, but last night she commenced to sink rapidly and died at 8 o'clock, in the presence of her parents. She will be buried tomorrow. Deputy Sheriff Rose stated this morning that no inquest will be held, the cause of death being plain.

## JUDGE COOPER IS OVERRULED ON KUKAIAU

After hearing argument this morning the Supreme Court handed down a decision overruling the order made by Judge Cooper in the Circuit Court directing the mandamus writ asked for by Robert Horner against the Kukaiau Plantation Company, Ltd., and Albert Horner, its president, to issue despite the appeal that had been made to the higher tribunal.

The case has been one of orders and appeals throughout. The first action taken was when Robert Horner applied for a writ of mandamus on the plantation and its president to force them to call the annual meeting of the stockholders. This was based on the fact that Robert Horner now holds the majority of the shares and that, as he alleged, the meeting should have been called in October of last year. The defendants answered that the date of the meeting, by a majority vote last year, had been set for February of this year. Judge Cooper ruled in favor of Robert Horner and ordered the writ to issue.

The defendants then appealed against this ruling and the matter dropped for the time being. Robert Horner brought further action, however, on the ground that the defendants were not trying to push the matter through expeditiously.

The defendants replied that Judge Cooper, before whom the case was brought, had no jurisdiction in the matter, as there was an appeal pending before the Supreme Court. The judge ordered that the writ issue in spite of the appeal and that it was to be returnable by January 22. This was done and the papers were served on Albert Horner in Hilo. He accepted service and came back to Honolulu. On the advice of his attorneys—Thompson, Wilder, Watson & Lymer—he did nothing in the matter and an order citing him for contempt was then issued in the Circuit Court.

Albert Horner appealed to the Supreme Court to have a prohibitory order issued against this, however, and Judge Cooper was ordered not to do anything further in the matter. This morning when the case came up for argument the Supreme Court held that Judge Cooper had no jurisdiction in the matter.

The hearing on the original appeal against the issuance of the first mandamus comes up for hearing before the Supreme Court Tuesday morning next.

## U. S. GUNS BOOM SALUTE

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Paul Isenberg. The Territorial band was stationed in close proximity to the reception room and rendered a program of appropriate and inspiring airs.

As eight bells struck on the four cruizers now in port, the national salute of 21 guns boomed respect and felicitations to Kaiser Wilhelm. As the first gun sounded its birthday salutation, the varicolored bunting of "full dress ship" was broken out on the California, West Virginia, South Dakota and Colorado, and official Uncle Sam paid his respects to the German Emperor.

The reception given by Consul Pfothenauer was largely attended by the navy and army. Admiral Thomas, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, arrived with his staff a few minutes before noon, as did also Admiral Southard, commander of the second division; Admiral Cowles, commander of the Honolulu naval station; Brigadier General Macomb, commanding the Department of Hawaii, and the captains of the U. S. ships now in port.

The navy and army people present at the reception included Rear Admiral Thomas, Rear Admiral Southard, General Macomb, Captain Hartow of the California, Captain Halstead of the West Virginia, Captain Bennett of the South Dakota, Captain Gill of the Colorado, Captain Douglas of the Glacier, Commander Terhune, chief of staff, Lieutenant Commander Leahy, Lieutenant Commander Major, Major Hill, U. S. M. C.; Major Neville, U. S. M. C.; Major Campbell, Major Timberslake, Major Wooten, Captain Carter, Captain Marix, Captain Case, Lieutenant Ghormley, Lieutenant Tomb, Lieutenant Beauregard, Lieutenant Davy, Paymaster Stevens, Lieutenant Uley and Lieutenant Andrews.

P. C. Jones was a caller of note at the German consulate today, he having informed Consul Pfothenauer that today made his fifty-fourth call at the Honolulu consulate on the occasion of the celebration of the birthday of a German emperor.

Among others who paid their respects were Governor W. F. Frear, Judge S. B. Dole, Mayor J. J. Fern, Collector of Customs E. R. Stackable, Collector of Internal Revenue C. A. Cottrill, Captain Fred Miller, J. Morton Riggs, F. M. Falke, Martin Grune, Dr. George B. Cooper, William Wolters, George R. Humphreys, Frank Armstrong, Ralph Lyons, Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, Judge Mon-

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## COOPER ANSWERS ATTACK

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about patronage, past, present or future, or were any complaints made concerning any of the appointments made by the President of the Board of Health, but the conversation was restricted to the subject of the meeting; and I stated frankly that the suggestion was based largely on political considerations. The result of this meeting, briefly stated, was that Dr. Pratt did not agree with the proposition and I concluded with the remark that, in my judgment, it would be a mistake to go ahead with the written examinations at that time, but I signified my willingness to let the decision of the matter lie in the hands of himself and his advisors, and so far as I was concerned the matter would have ended there.

Now so far as the merits of the suggestion are concerned—and it was only a suggestion and nothing more—I will even concede that Dr. Pratt was right in his decision that the examinations should not be postponed on any account; but the point that I wish to make is, that it was entirely unnecessary for him to carry the matter before the public, capitalizing a point suggested on behalf of the organization which is defending the administration, for the purpose of preserving harmony within its ranks and using it, as both he and I well knew he could, as a fund to elevate himself in the eyes of the business community at the expense of that organization.

Under present circumstances, the strength of the party organization is, or should be, a matter of concern to the administration as well as to those who are in active charge of the party's affairs; and Dr. Pratt's action in seizing upon friendly counsel as a basis for an attack upon the friends of the administration seems to me, to put it mildly very ill advised.

## MRS. STAMPER'S DEATH MYSTERY

Leilehua is in general mourning today out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Stamper, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Wilson Y. Stamper, Second Infantry, who came to her death yesterday in the waters of Waikikia reservoir. Mystery still surrounds the manner in which Mrs. Stamper met her fate, but it is now generally believed that she slipped from the bank and struck her head on a rock, becoming unconscious and unable to save herself.

The lifeless body was discovered by Colonel Stamper and his little son Purman, when they went to find out why Mrs. Stamper was late in returning to the house for lunch.

Hamilton Stamper, the 12-year-old son, who is a student at Oahu College, was sent for, and returned to his home at Leilehua without knowing that he had lost his mother.

The remains will be sent to the family home at Syracuse, N. Y., for burial. A sister of Mrs. Stamper is now en-



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